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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED 1 March 1951

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The Welzow (N 52/A 44) airfield, which begins about 1 km west of the Welzow railroad station, was observed on 3 February 1951, between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. A large construction project was under way on the field. A new railroad spur track and about 1,000 meters of narrow-gauge field tracks, previously laid farther northward, were being used. The construction project, which was estimated to be about three times as large as the one on the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield, was supervised by the Bauunion-South Firm. Large temporary buildings housing the kitchens and messes and one large building, used as a dispensary for the laborers, were built. \*
2. Trees which were cut on the eastern and southeastern edges of the field were carried away and piled up by means of large mobile cranes. \*\* Work was being done in all offices housed in the temporary buildings. Many women were reconditioning the embankment of the spur track and providing the track with new ballast. Besides the office personnel, about 300 workers, including women laborers, were employed in the area. Some laborers were clearing the debris of the former airfield buildings.
3. Further construction was not in progress, probably because of the frost. \*\*\* The field was not guarded. About 100 dumpcars were standing near the wooden trestles south of the construction sheds.

\* ☐ Comment. The completed construction of a spur track from the Welzow railroad station to the field was reported previously.

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\*\* ☐ Comment.

The size of the landing strip acquired has not been determined.

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\*\*\* ☐ Comment. Excavating will probably start at the end of the winter. excavating is to be completed by the end of 1951. The landing field is allegedly to be enlarged and a hard surface runway is to be built.

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